

MTA-6008
4 June 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service
THROUGH: Chief, Operations Group
SUBJECT: Monthly Report -- Tel Aviv Bureau -- ^{MAY}~~June~~ 1986

I. GENERAL

The embassy regional security officer has advised that the restrictions on travel to the West Bank and Gaza have been lifted.

Israel changed over to daylight savings time on 18 May. With the changeover, local time is GMT plus 3 hours.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

The 24-27 May visit to Israel by British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher generated a large volume of high-precedence traffic. The visit, the first ever by a British prime minister, was covered extensively by the Israeli media, and the bureau filed liberally in response to a request from the BBC for immediate-precedence filing of reportage and commentary on the visit. Following the visit, the BBC News and Publications section expressed thanks to the Mideast bureaus, "Tel Aviv, in particular," for their "sterling assistance" in covering the visit. The message of thanks noted that the material was "much appreciated by the BBC and its consumers."

B. Lateral Services

At the request of MOD, the bureau began recording and summarizing Cairo TV's 1600 GMT newscast. The project involves pouching videotapes and summaries of the newscasts to MOD, which will assess the value of placing Cairo TV on permanent coverage. The project began on 7 May and will run for 1 month.

Bureau Cruising Monitor has begun recording selected Cairo TV programs listed by AG as being of interest. The program tapes will be pouches to AG for evaluation.

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C. Technical

Bureau engineer and technicians installed a new active vertical whip antenna on the building roof.

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C. Technical (Cont'd)

Bureau engineer and technicians changed the bureau ponyline to the embassy Political Section from a high-level to a low-level circuit and rerouted it through the bureau's microwave link to the embassy. This will allow the bureau to dispense with the landline leased from the PTT if it is determined that the savings are substantial enough to justify this. The landline will be kept as a backup while this matter is researched.

At the request of FBIS Logistics, the bureau shipped two surplus microwave antennas to Nicosia Bureau by commercial sea freight on 25 May.

III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

Embassy Personnel Officer Robert Denny met with embassy and bureau foreign national employees on 19 May to discuss pension plan options.

B. Building and Grounds

Contractors on 25 May constructed a wall in the Hebrew section, creating a press section separate from the radio and TV monitoring section.



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Chief, FBIS Tel Aviv Bureau

Attachments: a. Production Report
b. Communications Report

Tel Aviv Bureau Production Report for MAY 1986

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	226570
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	62160
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	627

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE: (minutes or issues per week)	6113.00 min.	840.00 min.	58.00 issues

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:
(publishable words per month)

Clandestine Bayrak Radio in Turkish	5550
Clandestine Bayrak Radio in English	1590
Clandestine National Voice of Iran in Persian	0
Clandestine Our Radio in Turkish	1600
Clandestine Voice of Turkish Communist party in Turkish	14840

CYPRUS

Nicosia ANATOLIA in Turkish	0
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GREECE

Athens in English to South Africa	0
Athens in English to Australia	0

ISRAEL

Jerusalem Domestic Service in Hebrew	58180
Jerusalem Domestic Service in English	13520
Jerusalem Television Service in Hebrew	7800
Jerusalem Television Service in Arabic	400

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Tel Aviv IDF Radio in Hebrew	18030		
Jerusalem AL-FAJR in Arabic			3870
Jerusalem AL-FAJR in English			2070
Jerusalem AL-MITHAQ in Arabic			290
Jerusalem AL-NAHAR in Arabic			610
Jerusalem AL-QUDS in Arabic			4570
Jerusalem AL-SHA'B in Arabic			2070
Jerusalem AL-TALI'AH Arabic			0
Jerusalem Al-NAHAR in Arabic			0
Jerusalem GOVERNMENT PRESS OFFICE in English			1590
Jerusalem THE JERUSALEM POST in English			17600
Tel Aviv KOTERET RASHIT in Hebrew			530
Tel Aviv 'AL HAMISHMAR in Hebrew			4980
Tel Aviv BEMAHANE in Hebrew			1650
Tel Aviv DAVAR in Hebrew			4900
Tel Aviv HA'ARETZ in Hebrew			12160
Tel Aviv HA'OLAM HAZE in Hebrew			0
Tel Aviv HADASHOT in Hebrew			4670
Tel Aviv HATZOFE in Hebrew			1590
Tel Aviv MA'ARIV in Hebrew			7250
Tel Aviv YEDI'OT AHARONOT in Hebrew			3170
SOVIET UNION			
Moscow Radio Peace and Progress in Hebrew	0		
Moscow in Turkish	0		
Moscow in Dari	560		

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
TURKEY			
Ankara Domestic Service in Turkish	26390		
Ankara ANATOLIA in Turkish		550	
Ankara ANATOLIA in English		3790	
Ankara ANATOLIA in French		200	
Istanbul CUMHURIYET in Turkish			0
Istanbul HURRIYET in Turkish			0
UNITED KINGDOM			
London BBC World Service in English	0		

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1. TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED WAS 226,570 (209,960)
TOTAL NONPUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED WAS 62,160 (62,660)
DAILY WORDAGE FILED AVERAGED 9,314 (9,087)
HIGHEST DAILY WORDAGE FILED WAS 15,670 on 25 May 1986
LOWEST DAILY WORDAGE FILED WAS 1,900 on 3 May 1986
2. OUTAGES ON OUTGOING SKYMUX CIRCUIT TOTALED 3.5 HOURS, 0.7 PERCENT.
OUTAGES ON INCOMING SKYMUX CIRCUIT TOTALED 3.5 HOURS, 0.7 PERCENT.
OUTAGES: 7 May 1986 - Sattellite at [] down
10 May 1986 - Local power failure []

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3. WORDS FILED VIA TELEX DURING OUTAGES OF THE SKYMUX CIRCUIT: 140

NB. Figures from preceding month in Parentheses.